REMARKS

Claims 1, 8-12, and 15-22 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 9-12, 16, 18, 21, and 22 have been amended hereby. Claim 1 is in independent form. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Applicants affirm the election of Group I, Claims 1, 8-12, and 15-22, without traverse, for further prosecution on the merits.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of Claims 1, 8-12, and 15-22 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

The claims have been amended hereby to address all the issues pointed to by the Examiner in the Office Action in paragraph 6.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent Claim 1, and the claims depending therefrom, are clear and definite in their recitation of the present invention, and meet all requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112.

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's finding of Allowable Subject Matter in Claims 1, 8-12, and 15-22, as stated in the Office Action in paragraph 7, and that they would be allowable if amended to overcome the rejections under Section 112.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent Claim 1, and the claims depending therefrom, are in condition of allowance.

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth above, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

Any fee due with this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1290.

Favorable reconsideration, and an early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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